(e) whether increases in prices were allowed on the recommendation of BICP; and

(f) if so, what are the details of each recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) About 50 bulk drugs are being produced by IDPL prices of most of which have been fixed/ revised under the DPCO, 1979 from time to time. The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. Time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Prices of anti-biotics

1629. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of important anti-biotics like Cephalexin, Pencilline, Streptomycin, Streptopencillin etc., have shot up with or without the approval of his Ministry by 25 per cent during the last one and a half year;

(b) what was the market price of each of these antibiotics in January, 1986 and what is the present price;

(c) whether it is a fact that prices of these antibiotics will go up further after the new measures announced are unplemented;

(d) whether his Ministry was aware of such a situation before formulating new measures; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for proposing these anti-consumer measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Government have recently revised upwards the prices of drugs referred to in the Question as per provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(b) The information to the extent available is given in the attached Statement. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 75]

(c) to (e) The new Drug Prices Control Order incorporating the measures announced in December, 1986 is yet to be announced. No precise estimate of possible charges in prices can be given at this stage.

Unintended profits under new measures

1630. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the proposed measures announced in December, 1986 by his Ministry the unintended profits made by the drug companies will become legal profits;

(b) if so, under what para of the measures the unintended profits have been legalised;

(c) whether his Ministry has sought legal opinion before making such a proposal; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The Drugs Price Control Order incorporating the measures announced by the Government is yet to be announced.

Recovery under drug prices equalisation account

1631. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry sought advice from the Law Ministry in any case of recovery under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account;

(b) if so, what are the details of such cases where advice was sought;